



'SEE IT TO BE IT'

Careers fair preparation

4th Form - U6th



A Careers Fair is held in school to help you understand different job roles and industries. You can also find out what skills and pathways to access them.

There will be over 40 universities, employers, and O.K's all available to give you information and answer your questions.

- 1st-3rd form will come to the event P5 and P6.
- 4th-U6th will come to the event in the evening 6-8pm with your family

It is a busy event!

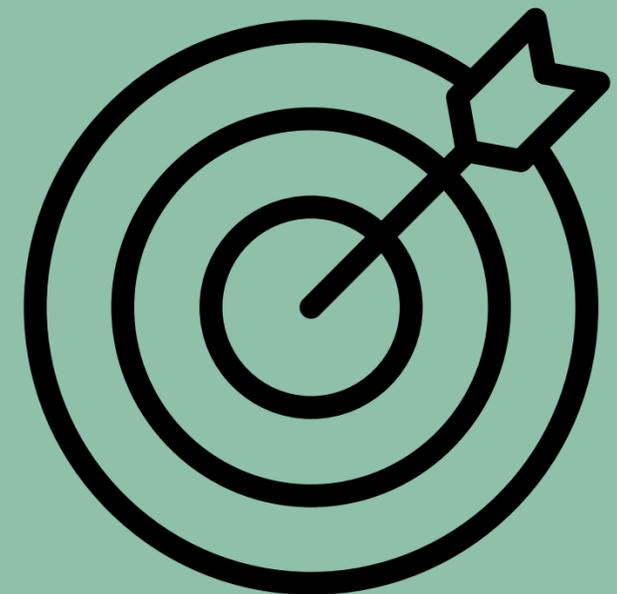
But there will be a quiet session between 5.15-6pm and if you want to access that please let your tutor know. This is for any year group.



Why bother going to the fair?

You can:

- **Find out more about the different post 18 options** that are available to you and what you need to do to access them.
- **Gather Information about university/apprenticeships** – Learn about courses, entry requirements, and career pathways.
- **Find out about different jobs and the reality of them – Consider if they match your current understanding.**
- **Motivate yourself** to see how your education fits into your future
- **Plan Next Steps** – Collecting brochures, information and research tools



How does preparing now help you?



You can gain a lot of information for your next steps, but it is important ask the right questions, speak to the right people and find out the answers you need to help you!

Check your understanding while you are at the fair....

Do you really know the difference between a solicitor and a judge? We have both at the careers fair!

Do you understand the difference between marketing and PR? Ask our local employers!

What is the difference between art and graphics? Find out from our local graphic designer!

What is an independent estate agent? What is the difference between an estate agent and property management

Research your post 18 options and think about what you want to know about them. You can find out more [here](#)

Think about your interests- Use the matchmaker quiz on XELLO to think about what areas might interest you

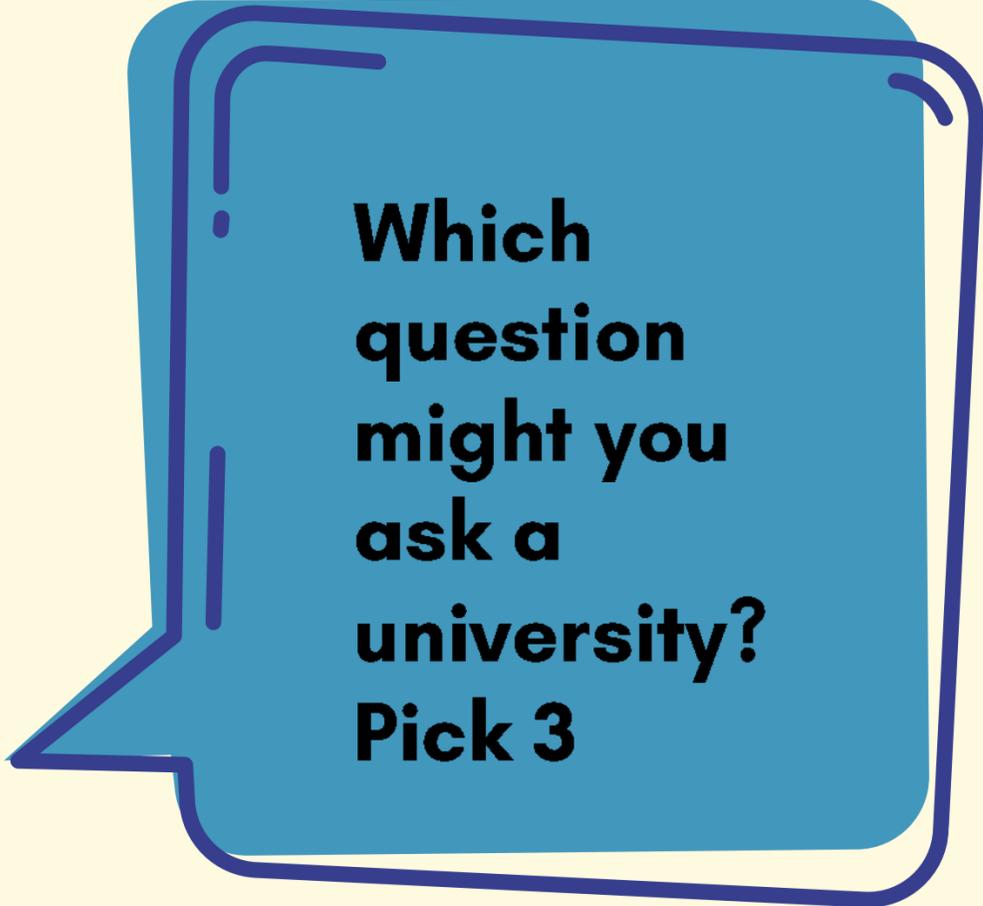
Bring a note pad and paper and a bag to put all the information and prospectus you will get

Think about key questions you could ask...such as....

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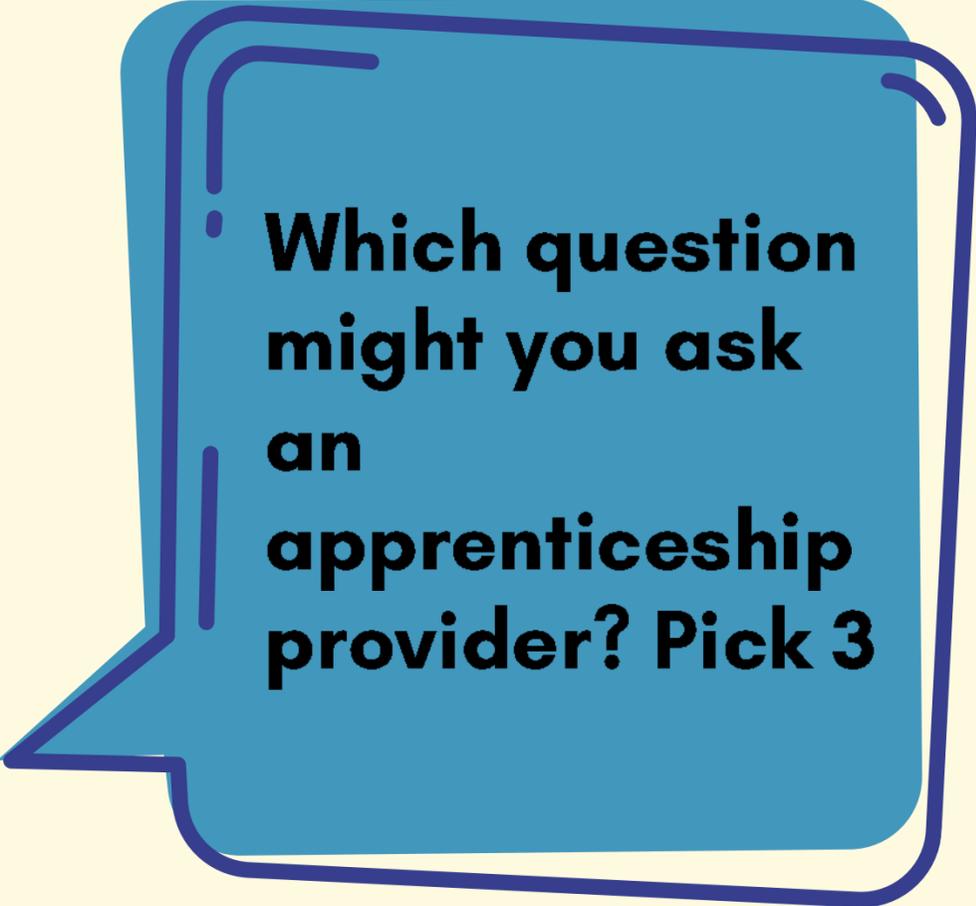
How do I prepare?

- What are the entry requirements for this course?
- What does the course cover?
- How is the subject taught?
- How many teaching hours are there each week?
- What can this course lead to?
- What clubs or societies are there?
- What are the results like for this subject?
- Will there be an interview?
- Is there any extra funding available?
- What is the university or training provider's reputation?
- How much is the cost of living where the university is?
- Can you give me examples of what your previous students have gone on to do?
- What support is there for special educational needs and disabilities?



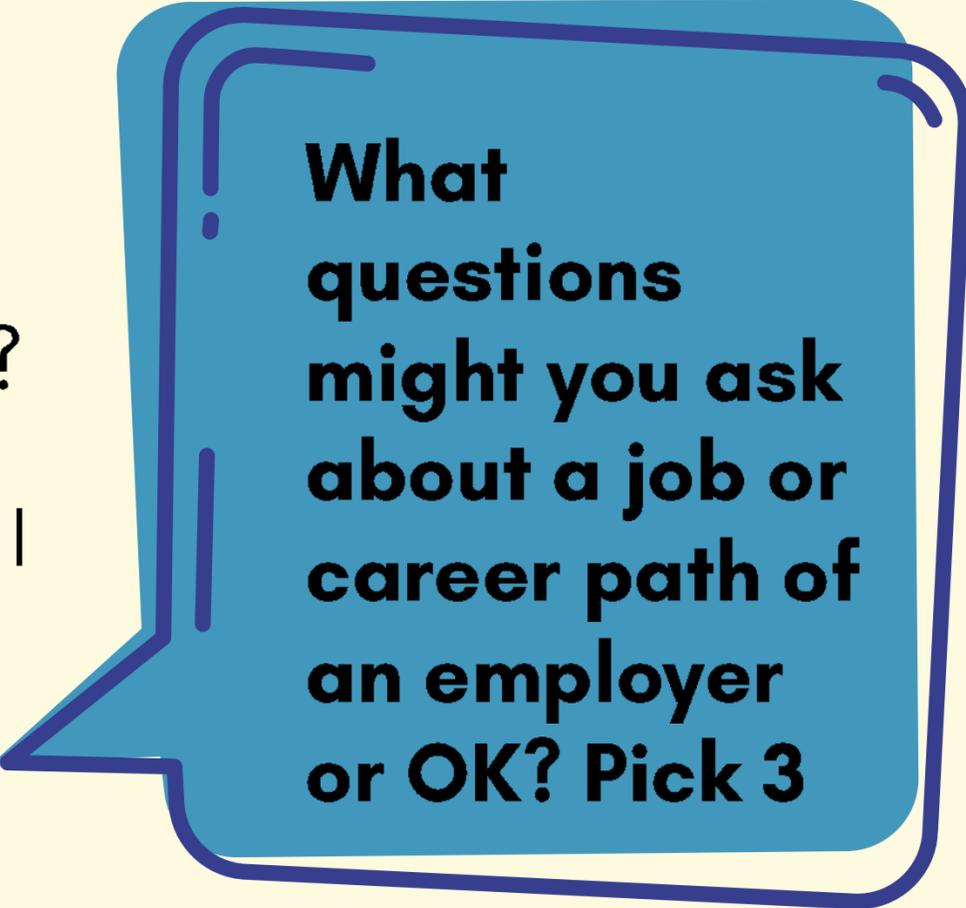
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Pick 3**

- What are the entry requirements for this apprenticeship?
- What is the level of the qualification?
- How is the subject taught – online, face to face at a uni?
- How many teaching hours are there?
- What are the day to day activities?
- What skills do I need?
- What is the pay/benefits
- What can this apprenticeship lead to?
- Where is the company based? Are there multiple sites to work?
- What is the recruitment process?
- Do you offer support if I need to relocate?
- How much is the cost of living where the apprenticeship is?
- Can you give me examples of what your previous students have gone on to do?
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Which question might you ask an apprenticeship provider? Pick 3

- What are the entry requirements for the jobs in this industry?
- What skills do I need?
- What work experience would you recommend and how can I get this?
- What pathways can get me into this industry/job?
- What are the working hours for this job?
- What are the day to day activities?
- What is the work environment like?
- What is the pay like?
- What is the career progression in this industry?
- What is the recruitment process for the roles in this industry?
- What would you have done differently if you were my age again?



What questions might you ask about a job or career path of an employer or OK? Pick 3

▲ Careers Fair Prompt Sheet

Ask questions, listen carefully, and write down key information. There are no right or wrong answers – this is about learning and exploring.

Questions you can ask the job/company exhibitors are:

1. What the Job / Industry Involves

- What do you do every day?
- What is the most interesting part of your job?
- What is challenging about it?

2. Skills and Qualities Needed

- What skills do I need now at school?
- What makes someone good at this job?
- Are there any skills that can help in lots of jobs?

3. Education and Training Pathways

- What subjects should I focus on?
- Do I need to go to university?
- Are there other ways into this career?

4. Opportunities and Labour Market Trends (LMI)

- Will there be jobs like this in the future?
- What are other jobs in this sector?
- Can people change their role later?

5. Real-Life Experiences

- What is the hardest part of your job?
- What do you enjoy most?
- What surprised you when you started?

6. Advice for Pupils

- What can I do now to help me later?
- Are there clubs or activities that help?
- How can I find out more?



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House of colours question - In a competitive job market, how could understanding personal image and professional presence give someone an advantage in interviews, networking, or workplace relationships?

Questions you can ask universities:

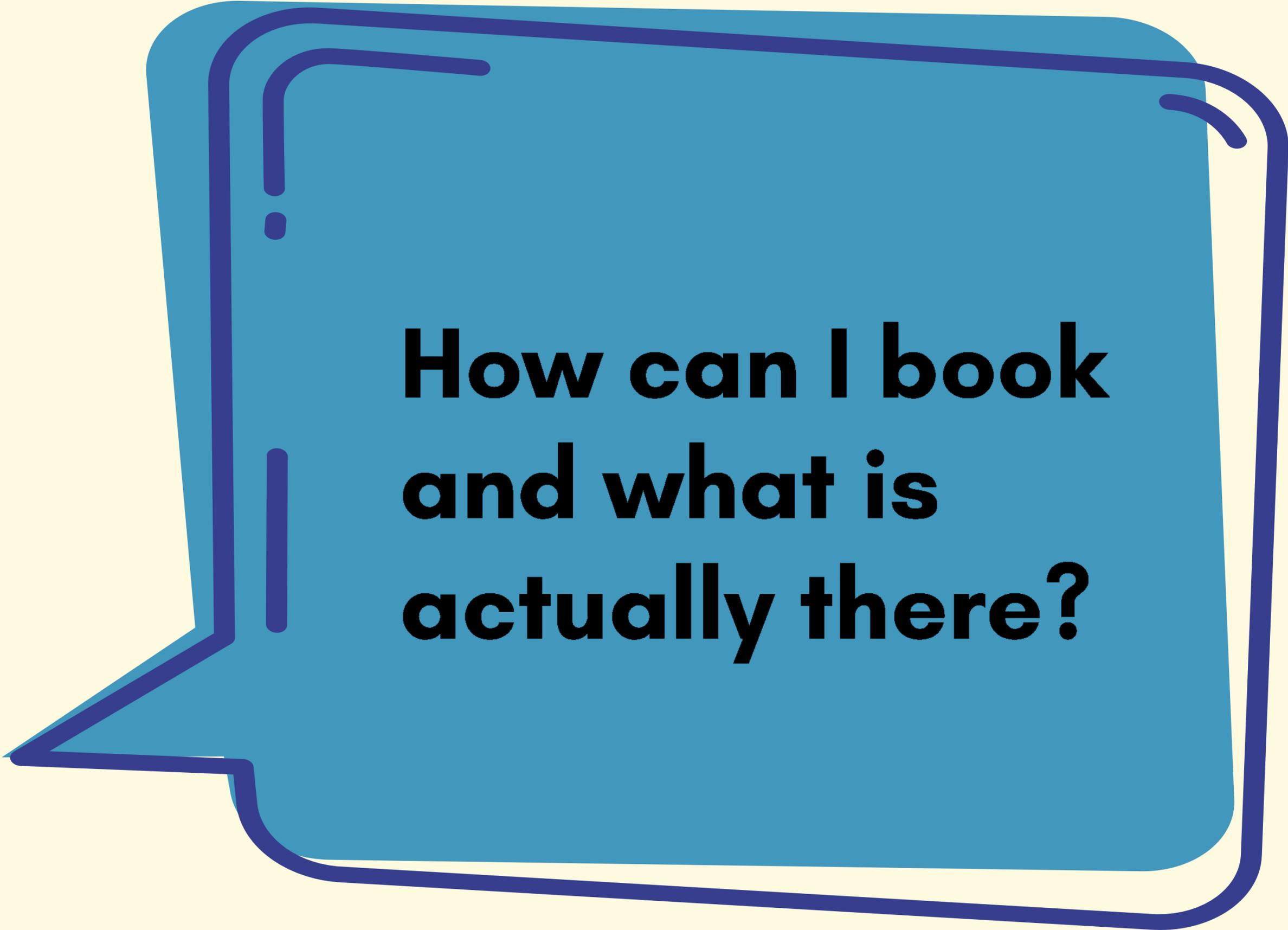
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Questions you could ask about degree apprenticeships – Anglia Ruskin University, Leonardo, Arcade Ltd, Police, Army, RAF and others – look for the signs.

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**How can I book
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KIMBOLTON SCHOOL CAREERS FAIR 2026

This year our theme is:

SEE IT TO BE IT!

All Senior School pupils are encouraged to attend. They will explore **over 40 different job roles**—Exhibitors include OK's, local employers, and **over 15 universities**. Discover and explore real-world careers and the pathways to them.

Drop-in talks cover topics such as choosing a university, degree apprenticeships, policing, international study, and Oxbridge applications. Preparation for pupils and parents will be provided in advance to make the most of the event.

■ Please indicate on the form if you want to attend the 'Quiet Session'.



THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

- 1st - 3rd Form attend during the school day
- 5.15-6pm 'Quiet session' - Inclusive Session for those who prefer reduced numbers and a quieter environment
- 6-8pm 4th-U6th Pupils and Parents welcome

Book on the careers
bulletin

Venue:

**Kimbolton School
Sports Hall**

Talks at the careers fair:

Degree apprentices – what's it really like to be a degree apprentice?

Applying to university

Oxbridge talk

Degree apprenticeships

Day in the life at university

**Agriculture, Rural Land Management/Real Estate, Equine,
Environment**

Army

University finance

University choice and course choice

RAF

International Universities

Creative Degree Courses

Industry professionals coming:

Accountancy

Architecture

Army

Biomedical Science

Biotech, Science innovation

Cyber security

Education

Engineering

Engineering Aerospace

Engineering Civil

Estate Agent

Finance careers

Fire service

Government Services- House of Commons

Government - International trade

Graphic Design

Human Resources

Judge

Law

Logistics and supply chain

Manufacturing

Marketing

Media

Medicine

Mortgages and insurance

Music

Navy

Paramedic

Pilot

Police

Private Equity

Public Relations

RAF

Real Estate

Sales

Solicitor

Sport careers

Veterinary

Website design

Care - nursing homes

Universities attending:

University of Cambridge

University of Sheffield

UEA

Falmouth University

Lancaster University

Newcastle University

Oxford Brookes

University of Lincoln

Royal Agricultural University

University of Northampton

University of Exeter

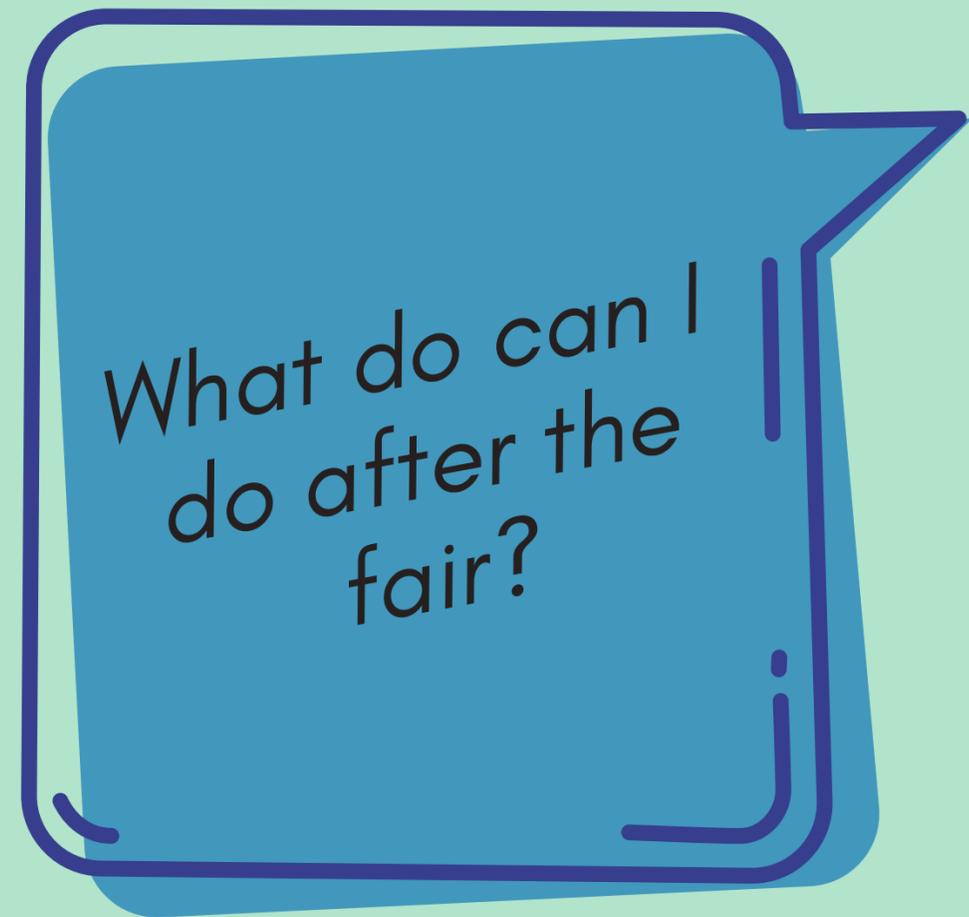
University of Nottingham

Coventry University

Anglia Ruskin University

Nottingham Trent

Global Institute of Sport



- Reflect on what you learned – Which jobs, courses, universities, or careers stood out to you?
- Visit university, apprenticeship and company websites – Explore entry requirements, open days, and application deadlines. You can be ANY AGE to do this!

- Use Xello to take a closer look at different jobs and how to access them.
- Talk to teachers, tutors or Mrs Southern about what you are considering in the future.





A career is a JOURNEY – this is a part of that journey of exploring jobs and post 18 options. Don't miss out by being UNPREPARED!